

ARIZONA.

News and Comments Pertaining to the Territory at Large.

The Star estimates the population of Tucson at over 9000.

Gila valley farmers are having some contention over the distribution of water for irrigation.

A creamery is in course of erection in Central, in the Gila valley, and will be in operation soon.

Salt river is shipping large numbers of cattle to various points in Arizona and to California.

Over 30,000 acres of oil lands have been located in Mohave county within the past three months.

The city of Tucson has increased her taxable wealth \$700,000 during the past two years—a remarkably good showing.

The new capitol building will be ready for occupancy about June 15, and a fine, modern structure it will be, says the Gazette.

In the municipal election at Phoenix, Sanders and McNeil, democrats, were elected councilmen. The result is supposed to be a victory for the municipal ownership of the water-works.

The Prospector's Bisbee correspondent says that it is reported work on the Necasari railroad will begin this week, the differences between the company and the Mexican government having been settled.

The buildings burned at the Indian school near Yuma, about a year ago, are to be rebuilt. They will consist of a two story frame dormitory for girls, cost \$10,000, and an adobe kitchen and dining room, \$3000.

Weather Observer Dr. Day at Prescott gives the amount of rainfall for the past month at two and sixty-seven one hundredths inches, the heaviest rainfall fall in April in that section for the past twenty-seven years.

Two car loads of ostriches from Newark, California, recently arrived in Phoenix, says the Gazette, consigned to A. V. Pearson. There were 18 birds in one car and 50 in the other and they were valued at \$500 each.

In the Point of Rocks neighborhood a few days ago, J. H. Morris killed a genuine monkey-face owl, said to be the only one ever killed in this section. The bird is very handsomely marked and is a curiosity. Prescott Courier.

The Range News says, the Wilcox K. of P. lodge is considering the question of erecting a fine two-story brick building to cost from \$6000 to \$8000, the upper floor to be occupied by the lodge, and the lower story to be fitted up as a public hall.

Reports from the head of the Arizona canal showed 34,000 inches of water to be in the river at that point, which is a larger volume of water than has been available in Salt river for irrigation purposes, since last August, at any one time. Gazette.

Safford now has as complete an ice factory and cold storage, for its size as can be found in the territory, says the Guardian. Prina & Olney are the proprietors. Besides the ice factory they have several cold storage rooms in which beef, eggs, butter, beer, etc., will be kept. There is a separate room for the beef.

A forfeit of \$250 was put up this afternoon on a horse race matched between Charlie Williams' "Black Kid" and F. M. Brady's horse, "Rabbit." The stakes are \$750 a side and the distance to be run is 550 yards. The race will take place on the Tempe track on Saturday afternoon, May 12.—Tempe News.

John Kirwagan informs us that the fruit is being destroyed by myriads of minute insects which bore their way through the buds, destroying the swelling blossoms. Strawberries as well as peaches and all other fruit, are being destroyed. The insects are so small they can hardly be detected with naked eye. Jerome Hustler.

The Hustler states that 50 tons of dirt and rock, headed by a plank as advance agent, fell upon John Thomas in the slope of the mine at Jerome. The plank lodged so that it partly protected Thomas. His six companions crawled through a hole just 15 inches across. Thomas was dug out about three hours later with a mashed foot and a bruised head.

The novel experience of a rainy day was enjoyed in Yuma last Saturday, says the Sentinel. The rain began falling early Friday evening and a steady down pour prevailed all day Saturday. Umbrellas, which are used in Yuma to shield the sun, were brought to the front and people floundering across muddy streets changed the order of eternal sunshine.

The citizens of Phoenix have met and resolved against the action of the republican territorial convention on the forest reserve resolution. Re-

tween the Stoddard republicans of Yavapai county and the grangers of Maricopa county that republican convention has got itself into a sorry plight. Star.

J. T. Hildreth, the owner of the first artesian well in the district, has two fine large reservoirs, which he has stocked with black bass—one of the finest table fish. Mr. Hildreth is now putting out trees, laying out walks, croquet and tennis grounds, intending to make this the "crack-a-jack" picnic grounds of the valley. All are cordially invited. Arizonian.

The Jerome Reporter has a \$5000 libel suit on its hands. The alleged libelous article was published last May. David Connors is "co-respondent" in the case, the objectionable article having been written by him and published in the Reporter as a communication. The Reporter editor says he will prove all that was said in the article.

Thomas Mitchell, who lived in Tombstone 12 years ago, and for the past few years a resident of Denver, Colorado, has returned to Arizona and become the partner of Col. Wm. Herring of Tucson. Col. Herring, says the Star, represents at least a dozen corporations, enough to take up the time of two capable and energetic attorneys.

The splendid new steam hoist recently received by the Arizona Copper Smelting company, is now in place, well housed and running smoothly, due to the thorough knowledge of Jack Farrell and Frank Qualey. Mr. Farrell has had charge of the placing of machinery in both Clifton and Globe, and is not only an expert, but a jolly good fellow wherever you meet him. Arizonian.

The Bonita correspondent of the Bulletin says: A Chinaman who runs a laundry in Fort Grant had an argument with a Negro soldier about a shirt which the soldier claimed was missing. During the row the soldier drew a "razor" and slashed the Chinaman's throat from his chin to his ear. The wound was sewed up by the post surgeon. The soldier is in the guard-house.

Frank McMahon who has been for some time a member of the El Paso police force, has been chosen by the gentlemen of south-eastern Arizona and New Mexico to succeed his lamented brother-in-law, George Scarborough, in protecting their interests from cattle thieves and other outlaws. He is said to be a brave and fearless officer, a worthy successor of a worthy man. Bulletin.

The firm of Solomon & Wickersham has moved their entire wholesale business from Bowie station to Safford, leaving only the retail business at the former place. This is one of the old mercantile establishments in this section of Arizona. Mr. Wickersham now makes his headquarters at Safford, but he has not yet decided whether he will provide a home there for his family or not. Bulletin.

The Tucson Star says: Will B. Kelly while here gave it as his opinion that the Detroit Copper company have in view an outlet at Solomonville in building the line of railroad on a standard gauge from Morenci to Guthrie and using ties to suit that gauge. The distance is 28 miles from Guthrie to Solomonville, and thence to Bowie is 35 miles. The line would be a good thing in connecting the Clifton district with the valley in which Solomonville is located.

The Phoenix Enterprise rightly says that there is but one solution of the water problem for Salt river valley, and that is water storage. True, says the Enterprise, the forest reserves must be fully protected, and if necessary all dangerous elements should be excluded. But a tirade against sheep and sheepmen only will be of little benefit unless other necessary steps are taken. It is time to quit dealing in poetry and to begin practical business.

Recently two or three Jerome ladies interested in church work in Jerome addressed a letter to Miss Helen Gould, requesting aid to carry on work in which they were interested. Miss Gould replied that her means would not permit her to assist all of those asking her aid. An explanatory printed list of requests made was enclosed in the reply which gives the startling total of 1303 between the dates of January 15 and 22, 1900.

The stockmen over in Graham county are disgusted with the way the "Climax Jim" case turned out. They are beginning to think that it is useless to try to prosecute such cases in the courts. If parties actually caught with stolen cattle cannot be convicted, it is out of the question to do anything with mere calf stealers.

These repeated failures tend to discourage the stockmen and to encourage the thieves, and it is only a question of time when the rest of the large owners will have to move out or take the law into their own hands. Range News.

The Florence Tribune says there are less than 10,000 acres of land in the Casa Grande valley owned by white men, upon which water would be required to be furnished from the San Carlos reservoir, an insignificant amount when it is considered that the dam at San Carlos would impound sufficient water for 120,000 acres. Water for 20,000 acres would be an abundance for the Indians, leaving 200,000 acres to be disposed of. And there is fully that amount of rich, level land, absolutely owned by the government—less 10,000 acres owned by individuals, which could be readily sold for \$10 an acre with water right, nearly sufficient to pay for the dam. The engineers have so reported and their estimates are conservative.

The Phoenix board of trade has received sample bottles of pickled olives and olive oil from Chas. P. Grogan, of Los Angeles. The olives were grown on the Arizona Water company's farm near Phoenix, and last season's crop was donated to Mr. Grogan who erected a small plant for extracting the oil and pickling the olives in Phoenix, and had the product bottled at his larger works in Los Angeles. As for the quality of the product the specimens on exhibition are evidence enough, says the Republican. Mr. Grogan writes that the olives are superior to the California fruit and the oil is purer than the imported article and commands a good price. In proof of his faith in the Arizona product he has written Mr. Cleary, manager of the Arizona Water company, asking for an opportunity to bid on this year's crop.

In the artesian district four miles from Safford, Briggs Lee has a fine artesian well, which spouts 5000 gallons of water per hour, and he has a machine on the ground to put down another well. His brother Frank has a fine flowing well in the same neighborhood, as also Mr. Alger. These wells were all secured at a small depth, ranging from 115 to 200 feet. Just south of these locations Mr. Hildreth has a fine well. The parties lately locating these homesteads will have wells spouting in a few months, and in another season these arid and desert lands will bloom like a garden.

There are two theories in regard to the underground flow of water in this district. One is that these streams are fed from the overflowing canyons on the north and east shed of the Graham mountains, while others claim it is the same flow that breaks out in springs along the Glenora, and which evidently comes from a distance. This latter theory is the one shared by our surveyor, Mr. Stafford. Arizonian.

The Santa Fe Pacific railroad company's depot and warehouse at Kingman together with several cars loaded with coal, were entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of April 28. The origin of the fire is something of a mystery, as the wind was blowing in the wrong direction for it to have been caused by a train, and as there was a little sprinkle of rain during the night there is some reason to believe that it may have been started intentionally. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that nothing could be saved from the freight house, and Agent Gooding and family had only just time enough to escape with their lives, losing all their household effects, and not having time to save even their clothes and valuables, all of which were consumed. As the warehouse was full of freight and the books and waybills all destroyed, it will be hard to straighten matters out. The depot will doubtless soon be replaced with a more substantial one. Mohave Miner.

Among the resolutions adopted by the republican territorial convention held in Phoenix April 30, was one approving the grazing of sheep and cattle on forest reserves. The Phoenix papers declare that it will defeat the republican ticket in Maricopa county next fall, as sentiment in Salt river valley is strongly against the granting of grazing privileges by the government. The Phoenix Republican says: The resolution in favor of opening the forest reserves, against which there was not the slightest division of opinion in this valley, is regarded as the most damaging blow to republicanism in this county that the foolishness of children could have delivered at a time when every farmer, cattleman and merchant is moving heaven and earth to prevent the opening of the reserves. It was fought in the committee and was forced into the report by a single vote as a concession to the north. "What in the name of God did you do it for?" was asked a delegate last night. "Don't you know that every republican on the county ticket will be held responsible for it?" "Oh! it don't mean anything," was the reply. "Under proper restrictions" takes all the harm out of it." "The devil it doesn't mean anything. The democrats will give it a meaning next fall."

There is a man in the Yuma penitentiary serving a sentence of two years and six months for burglary, who thinks his confinement is just. But it is not. He had an equal chance of being innocent as guilty, but for the perfidy of a supposed friend he might now be a free man. According to the officials of the sheriff's office the two men arrested for the robbery of J. W. Powers' house, after being confined in the county jail, put their heads together to form a plan of defense. As a result of their deliberation, one was to plead guilty and take all the blame while the other was to rely on that act to gain his freedom. But who was to plead guilty? It was at last decided that the question should be settled by a game of cards and that the loser should be the one to confess. All the prisoners in the jail knew of the novel contest and gathered around the principals offering advice as to the best methods of play; but the Judas of the crowd had arranged a series of signals and by their use he quietly "tipped" the hand of the man who was supposed to be his friend. The loser true to his promise, carried out his end of the programme and the line of defense proved successful for his opponent. If the prisoner in Yuma ever finds out that he was "jobbed" he has the satisfaction of knowing that he is a "dead game sport."—Cocconino Sun.

Railroad to the Brink of the Grand Canyon.

Of the Grand Canyon railroad which runs north from Williams, the Topeka Journal says:

"Santa Fe engineers have decided on a move which holds a unique place among the feats of modern railroad engineering. It is the construction of a railroad line to the very edge of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river in Arizona.

The proposition is rather a dizzy one but careful examination has satisfied Chief Engineer Dunn and his assistants that there is no danger with the move.

In consequence construction has been ordered on the Santa Fe & Grand Canyon railroad from Anita Junction to the head of Bright Angel trail, where the observation train will pause on the rim of the 1,000 foot cleft in the earth. A rampart will be built to insure the safety of the trains. The claim is made that the view of the various colored rock, the immensity of the distances, and the seemingly perilous poise of the train will be an attraction unequalled for sublimity on the globe.

The twenty miles to the rim of the canyon will be completed by June 15.

All the machinery for the new concentrating process to be used at the Ruster mine, Yavapai county, has been received at the camp.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by Hitchcock, druggist.

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